

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. No station owner should be able to force his opinion on millions of people as a means to his own ends.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair is fortunate that the FCC has allowed the highly immoral consolidation of many forms of media into the hands of so few - but that can always change. Abuse of privilege should not go unnoticed, and this will not.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.